**Title:** Need to revive Insurance Scheme for banana growers in Tenali parliamentary constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU (TENALI): Sir, banana growers in Andhra Pradesh have been facing a severe problem of unprecedented low prices. In my constituency, Tenali in Andhra Pradesh, unremunerative price on one side and crop damage on the other side are throwing the growers in distress.

Sir, banana plantation is a notified approved crop under the Crop Insurance Scheme. United India Insurance Company has started insuring banana plantation in Guntur district, particularly in Kolluru, Kollipara and Brattiprolu mandals in my constituency since 1996-97 and continued till 2001-2002. Suddenly, this facility of insurance has been discontinued this year on the plea that insuring banana crop is uneconomical to the insurance company.

The stand taken by the insurance company is detrimental to the insurance security provided to the farmers and also against the Directive Principles provided by the Union Government. I urge upon the Union Government to take up this issue with the Insurance company immediately on priority basis and continue the insurance facility to banana growers in my constituency, Tenali in Andhra Pradesh.